

CITY OF MUSKEGON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES

November 7, 2017

Chairperson J. Hilt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and roll was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Hilt, S. Kroes, L. Wood, D. Warren, A. Riegler, S. Radtke, K. Panozzo

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: J. Pesch, D. Renkenberger

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Sheldon, Amazon Apts; T. Hemmes, 112 Iona Ave.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 3, 2017 was made by J. Hilt supported by S. Radtke and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Case 2017-19 – 550 W. Western Avenue (Fence). Applicant: Trillium Amazon. District: Clay-Western. Current Function: Residential. The applicant is seeking approval to install a 4-foot tall black aluminum fence to enclose a portion of the building's courtyard for use as a dog park. Photos of the fence style and and a site plan were provided.

J. Hilt asked what size dogs would be allowed, since the fence would be only 4 feet tall. P. stated that the maximum dog size would be 65 pounds; they had other dog parks with 4-foot fences and had not experienced any problems.

A motion that the HDC approve the request to install a black metal picket-style fence as proposed, as long as it meets all zoning requirements and the necessary permits are obtained, was made by K. Panozzo, supported by S. Kroes and unanimously approved, with J. Hilt, S. Kroes, L. Wood, A. Riegler, S. Radtke, and K. Panozzo voting aye.

D. Warren arrived at 4:07 p.m.

Case 2017-20 – 112 Iona Avenue (Door). Applicant: Terry Hemmes. District: McLaughlin. Current Function: Residential. The applicant is seeking approval to replace two doors on the front and side of the house, including the door jambs. The current steel doors are not original to the house and are rotting.

T. Hemmes provided pictures of different door options. A. Riegler stated that the 6-panel door fit better with a historic home. T. Hemmes stated that he would use that style then, rather than the diamond glass insert. He also stated that SafeBuilt had mistakenly issued permits for some previous

work without requiring HDC approval, and he updated board members on the work that had been done. He stated that they intended to return the property to a single family home.

A motion that the HDC approve the request to replace the existing doors with new 6-panel doors as proposed as long as the work meets all zoning requirements and the necessary permits are obtained, was made by A. Riegler, supported by K. Panozzo and unanimously approved, with J. Hilt, S. Kroes, L. Wood, D. Warren, A. Riegler, S. Radtke, and K. Panozzo voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Staff and board members discussed the possible reintroduction of the State's historic tax credit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.